

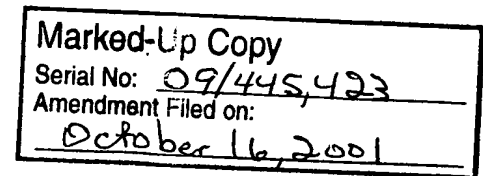


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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
KAZUO HATA ET AL. : GROUP ART UNIT: 1774
SERIAL NO: 09/445,423 :
FILED: DECEMBER 10, 1999 : EXAMINER: FERGUSON
FOR: CERAMIC SHEET AND METHOD OF
PRODUCING CERAMIC SHEET

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231



SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2001, the period for response having been extended to November 9, 2001, by a petition for extension of time filed herewith, please amend the application identified above as follows (marked-up copy of amendments attached):

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 4 and 9-10 as follows:

4. (Amended) A ceramic sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the [detect] ~~defect~~ is a flaw or foreign matter having an area of 0.1 mm² or larger.

9. (Amended) A green sheet for use as a spacer in producing the ceramic sheet of [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, the green sheet including ceramic particles 80 wt% or more of which are spherical ceramic particles having an average particle diameter of 0.1 to less than 5 μ m.

10. (Amended) A calcined sheet for use as a spacer in producing the ceramic sheet of [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, the [green sheet] calcined sheet including ceramic particles 80 wt% or more of which are spherical ceramic particles having an average particle diameter of 0.1 to less than 5 μm .

Please add new Claims 11-12 as follows:

--11. (New) A green sheet for use as a spacer in producing the ceramic sheet of claim 9, wherein the spherical ceramic particles have a ratio of a major axis thereof relative to a minor axis thereof of 1 to 3.

12. (New) A calcined sheet for use as a spacer in producing the ceramic sheet of claim 10, wherein the spherical ceramic particles have a ratio of a major axis thereof relative to a minor axis thereof of 1 to 3.--

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the original abstract with the attached abstract.